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he heavens yawn and the symphony of begins. The sun's rays penetrate the ness to pave the way for the day about born. The sunglow proclaims majestic- the joy of an expectant Father.

God's morning arrives bringing with it a sage of love to bitter hearts and strength uls in whom faith has begun to wither. omes with triumphant hallelujahs! It ks of a risen Christ!

The morning hymns descend from the ntain top and peacefully unfurl their ie in the deepest valley. The dew drops led by the waking kiss of light sing out ly touched by the miracle of day. The ring breezes join in enriching the me- us rhapsody and rush forth to carry the t perfume of the waking flowers to way forests. The smoke from humble huts and cabins ascends in prayerful spirit toward heaven.

Morning sings out the blessings of God. Morning sings out in the life that awakens, in the rhythm of work that greets the day, in the smile of a child.

And morning is as a child—full of laughter, dreams and expectancy. There is no darkness. There is only light. God's promise of a new day has come to pass.

Greet the morn as you come face to face with your Creator. As you begin the day, trust not alone in your own strength. You cannot hope to conquer.

Greet your Maker with deep devotion. Let him produce harmonious strains in your out-of-tune life. With his Word before you, his personality can fill you with all his splendor for Christ means life!

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God Moves in Mysterious Ways

His Wonders to Perform

by Faithe Richard

For some months, our church has been struggling along with its limited finances, trying hard to keep out of the red. Then, to make matters worse, due to some faulty wiring, the electric light bills have been enormous. The treasury was more than empty, which necessitated borrowing money to pay the most urgent bills.

The members have been giving quite faithfully, although most of them have a very limited income. This last year they have finished paying for a new organ, a new sidewalk, a new curtain for the Sunday School room and several other improvements, besides increasing the pastor's salary. In spite of continued appeals, there just wasn't enough money to pay the necessary bills. The Official Board, a loyal group who loves the church, was becoming more and more concerned.

One member of the church, a little, old lady who hasn't much in this world's goods, but who loves her Lord and her church, had been saving her money in a piggy bank. Somehow it got broken and she had not been contributing anything to the church for a long time. People thought that she h stopped giving altogether. But she h continued saving her money in a square b with a slot in the cover. Recently, she c covered that the box was so full she could put in another peso. She decided to open and take the savings to the bank to exchan them for some crisp, new bills. Later, s lovingly and prayerfully tucked them in a church envelope for the collection plate following Sunday.

Imagine the surprise of the chu treasurer when she was counting out collection to discover that there was astonishing amount of $1020 pesos in precious envelope. She thought there wa mistake somewhere and could scarc believe her eyes. How happy she was to able to pay all the pastor's salary and settle all accounts. Once again the books balanced and the church is able to rep "No debt." Surely God has answered prayers of the people in a marvelous w This sacrificial gift is an inspiration to entire membership. God's promises are tr if we will believe them.

NOT ONE BUT TWO

by Iva Conner

The little church at San Nicolas was the ne of a successful Daily Vacation School two weeks at the end of June.

Originally planned for only one week, vas extended when it was found so many dren wanted to come. Pauline Willing- was in charge with several assistants, ne local and others from the neighboring rch in Colonia Chapultepec.

The average attendance was about forty, one day sixty children came. Since the lding is the full width of the property, meters, and about twice that long, it uld be evident that one might have to go on the street to turn around. However, he back, separated by a six foot "patio", he "education building", about 8 by 12 , whose two best features are a tin roof a cement floor.

There was once a wooden wall on two s, now badly broken. This was used for the younger children, school age down to "just able to walk". Two portable air-conditioners and a fan helped make the atmosphere bearable in the over-100 degree weather.

In spite of all the handicaps, some very good work was done. About twenty of these children have been attending Sunday School, so many new ones were reached. A number of others, who passing along the sidewalk, were attracted enough to stand and listen, but refused to enter, also had a new experience, we hope.

San Nicolas is a needy field, since many of the people are poor, and some of the children appear neglected. Throughout the year, a group of children has been meeting one afternoon a week for stories and games, in addition to the Sunday School. Prayer meetings are held once a week, with leadership from the Chapultepec Church as well as local.

Some Happenings at Centro Social "Roberts

by Faithe Richard

Among the visitors of recent months we have been happy to have Dr. James Matthews from the New York Office (now Bishop for the Boston Area), Miss Jean Cleveland from Scarritt College, Rev. Alejandro Ruiz, Executive Secretary of Christian Education of the Methodist Church of Mexico, and our own Bishop Eleazar Guerra from Mexico City.

It was also a special cause for rejoicing when Miss Lillie Fox, accompanied by several of the missionaries from Monterrey, came for a day to visit the place where she used to work and which she loved so much. Although she has been retired for many years, she has never lost her interest in the mission work of northern Mexico, where made such a big contribution in establish the centers, both here in Saltillo and in huahua.

At present, we have sixteen young wo in the dormitory. All of the girls are requi to attend the Sunday morning worship s ice of the church. There are five Pro tants in the group and they take an ac part in the church activities. One helps the Primary Department of the Sun School and in the choir. They enjoy at ding the young people's meetings and tak part in their programs. Recently, they helped with the special Union Meeting the women from several churches obser Mother's Day.

everal of the girls have become interes-
n helping Miss Dolores Gomez, the So-
Center Director, in her social service
. One poor family, with twin babies,
been visited and helped with donations
ilk and medicines. The girls love to go
ome and see how the babies are grow-
They are learning to appreciate their
blessings and to become more altruistic.

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e the building as well as the activities.
ly all of the rooms have been redecora
nd new cedar cupboards have been built
he dining room. New cupboards have
been added to the kitchen and the
s' equipment. New drapes have been
for the first time in five of the upstairs
s.

Classes in English have continued in spite of various interruptions. Many of those who study English come to class after a hard day's work and have to sacrifice to pay the fees to study. English is often very necessary in their business.

Miss Gomez has been teaching a class for adult literacy. It takes courage for a man, fifty-four years of age, who works twelve hours a day for the railroad, to take time out to try to learn to read and write in Spanish, for the first time in his life.

Soon another school year will be past history and the students will be returning to their homes. We hope that we have been able to give them some valuable lessons in Christian living and in character development. Surely it has been a real opportunity to witness for Christ in a Protestant institution.

YOUTH WORKERS CONSULTATION

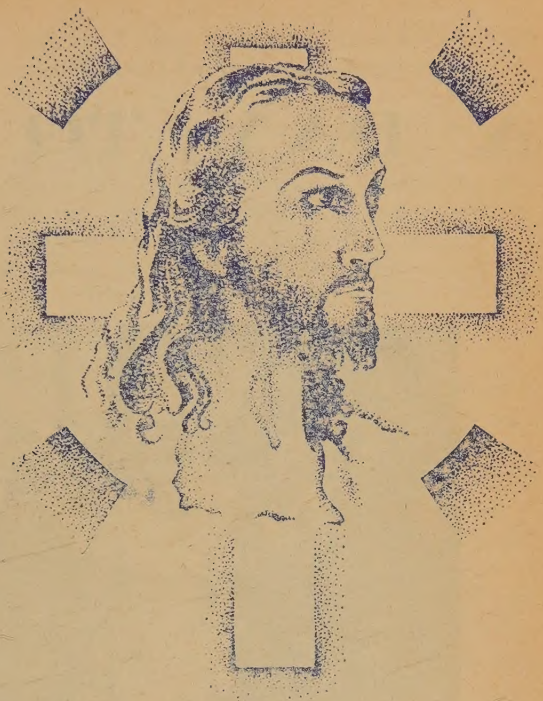
Miss Mary Loucile Fitzpatrick, editor of MEXICO, was one of the approximately 30 people participating in the 1960 Youth Workers Consultation held at Stony Point, New York, May 27-June 1. Two-thirds of the participants were from overseas churches and the rest from the U.S.A. and Canadian churches. All of them have been nominated by denominational agencies and the Planning Committee.

Miss Fitzpatrick, who represented the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions, is at present visiting her mother, Mrs. Earl Fitzpatrick at Gallatin, Tennessee, while on furlough from her work as staff member of the General Board of Christian Educa of the Methodist Church of Mexico.

The Youth Workers Consultation, first attempt of its kind, was under direction of the Rev. Kyoji Buma, an ministrative secretary of the World Cou of Christian Education with offices in new Inter-Church Center on Riverside Dr New York, and Sunday School Associat

The meeting was held at the Ecumer Training Center, owned by the United P byterian Church, U.S.A., for the purpos training fraternal workers and missiona before their departure to the field assig

Oh God



Thou art an ever loving Father. I bid e let me be aware, as in true humbleness ome to Thee with weary soul and sinful ds. Lift high my soul unto thy love that ay grow more like the Christ... That I y ever be a lamp unto the path of all who ad close step by step where'er I go.

Teach me thy patience, oh my Lord, t I may guide each youth to Thee and p me see in each a need that only Thou meet, oh God.

Lead me to seek where others fail to see good, the true, the great. Teach me to e these youth, my Lord, that they may r seek thy face. Help me to care com- ssionately for one in need along the way.

Increase my faith that I may see the pain, heartache in each youth; give me thy pe that with thy light it, too, can set my l afire, give me thy love that I may place my life at your command each day and with it preach a sermon still as I go hand in hand with Thee attempting ever to fulfill great things for Thee; and in the end, teach me to wait, expect great things that I may stronger yet arise each day to serve Thee better, Lord...

Thou hast indeed been kind to me in trusting me with all these souls. Oh God, just let me be aware that time is precious and each hour is one big opportunity in which Thou canst use me to be thy willing instrument of peace.

Accept my gratitude for life and strength. Grant me thy wisdom and thy love and let me be aware that in my hands and in my being, the Christ awaits to touch men's hearts...

Amen.

A DAY TO REMEMBE

by Olive I. Gi

June 30, 1960, was a memorable day for all the friends of Instituto Dr. Andres Osuna, for that was the date of the dedication of the new building, the unveiling of the memorial plaque, and the graduation of the first class from the secondary department, begun three years ago.

We were happy to have with us, for some or all of these events, Mrs. Rebeca T. Osuna, whose generosity made the new building a reality, Dr. Samuel Guy Inman, who founded the school (as Instituto del Pueblo) in 1908, Bishop Eleazar Guerra, of the Methodist Church of Mexico, Rev. Pedro Vázquez, our district superintendent, Mr. Miguel Osuna and his wife, Miss Helen M. Hodgson, representing the Woman's Division of Chr tian Service, Dr. John L. Groves, represe ing the Division of World Missions, the co sul of the United States and his wife, t inspector of schools in this section of t state, a representative of the municipal go ernment, and representatives of the loc press and that of Eagle Pass, Texas.

On the evening of June 29, in the Met odist Church of Piedras Negras, a ba calaureate service as held, at which t district superintendent, Rev. Pedro Vázqu preached, and Dr. Inman told something the beginning of the work which has dev oped into the present Instituto Dr. Andr Osuna.

The dedication of the building, by Bishop ra, took place on the morning of June

Following the dedication was the unveil- of the memorial plaque. The drum and e corps of the school added a patriotic to the occasion with their salute to the ican flag. The president and secretary of Parent-Teachers' Association expressed gratitude for the building which will more opportunities to their children, Mrs. Osuna unveiled the plaque which s that the building is a memorial to her and, Dr. Andres Osuna, who in his life- did so much for the advancement of ation in Mexico, especially in the state oahuila.

In spite of the intense summer heat of ras Negras, the auditorium, which seats was filled for the commencement exer- s, which were held the evening of June Eighty-seven young people received their omas, some from the commercial depart- t, the others from the secondary depart- t.

During the commencement program, the ent-Teachers' Association presented Mrs. na with a medal as a token of gratitude esteem. .

Prof. Nañez, a former pupil of Dr. Osuna, told about his life and work.

Another teacher, a schoolmate of the principal, Mrs. María Refugio L. Sánchez, recited one of her poems. At the baccalaureate service and the dedication, too, we could appreciate the poetic gifts of Mrs. Sánchez, as we sang the special hymns for which she had written the words. She is the author of the official school song, too.

Now the dedication and the first commencement in the new building are memories, and we look forward to starting the activities of another school year. The place which the Instituto holds in Piedras Negras is shown by the fact that registration for the first year of the commercial course had to be closed (with seventy pupils enrolled) on the third day after it opened, while the registration for the first year secondary is now fifty seven.

May the workers in the Instituto, now and in the future, be aware of their responsibility of keeping it a fitting memorial to the Christian educator and statesman whose name it bears.

HERE'N THERE

Miss Faithe Richardson, missionary in Saltillo, will be going home on furlough the first of September. Her address will be P. O. Box 84, Orland, California.

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The Methodist Church of Pachuca has been rejoicing because they have paid in full the Hammond organ which they purchased recently.

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A group of young people from Waco, Texas, headed by the Rev. John Peeler Estes, came down to Cuautla, Morelos for a week's workcamp. Another group from Sepulveda, California from Brother John A. Zimmer's church will be here in August to fence off the property donated to the Board of Education for a camp site.

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We regret to see the Perry family leave Mexico. We know that God's blessings will accompany them in Missouri where they will be making their new home.

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Miss Mary L. Fitzpatrick had to prolong her furlough because of an operation. She has fully recovered and will be back at her job in the Board of Education on September 1st.

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The Rev. Howard Ellis from the General Board of Evangelism of the Methodist Church will be among the main speakers at the XII National Congress of Methodist Youth to be held in Puebla in September.

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The annual workcamp sponsored by the Union Seminary and headed this year by the Rev. Earl Perry, chose Chicavasco, Hida as their center of work. This arrid re without many commodities has proven be a great challenge to the workcamp

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The Laura Temple Hostel and the S Alarcon School are celebrating their Gol Anniversary August 19-21. Special activi have been planned by the school and ho directors and student body.

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Gifts from Miss Pansy Moulton f Enatchee, Washington and Miss Fa Richardson, missionary in Saltillo have b received. We do appreciate your interes the work.

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On Tuesday, the 28th of June, Joaq Vargas B., an active member of the Ga St. Methodist Church, presented a brilli professional exam as doctor and surg He received honorable mention. His train and dedication will indeed be a blessing Mexico.

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Miss Violeta Vela from Puebla rece finished her training and graduated a nurse from our Methodist school of nurs at Sanatorio Palmore in Chihuahua. We expecting great things from her.

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Miss Ruth Maxwell, a Methodist sionary in Bolivia until she was neede home by her family, spent a couple of in Piedras Negras en route to summer s in Saltillo. She was the guest of Miss

vin, who had been in Bolivia at the time as. Miss Maxwell changed her plans in to arrive in time for commencement at uto Dr. Andres Osuna.

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LTAMIRANO MEDAL. Profesor Juan a Fernández, a member of the Methodist ch in Monterrey and at the present time tor of Public Education in the State, ved on May 15th from the President of co, the highest distinction in the teach- profession: the Altamirano Medal, for ears of service as an outstanding and nsible teacher.

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r. Alfonso Mejía C. of The Messiah Me- ist Church in the Federal District is back Europe after several months. May his riences be a blessing to his profession.

Thank you corner...

"It is human to demand justice; it is Christian to give it. It is human to keep what one has; it is Christian to share it".—E. W. Cross.

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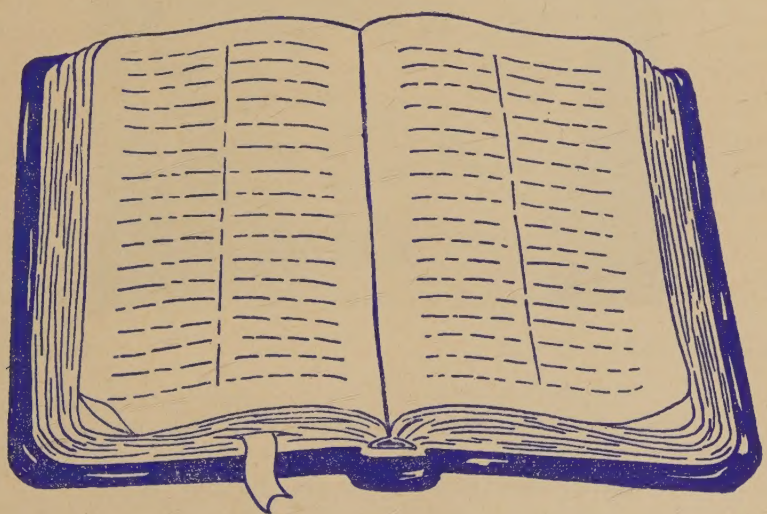

Misses Lillie Fox, Helen Hodgson, Dolores Gomez, Anne Belle Dyck and Pauline Willingham at Centro Social Roberts.

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